

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2770

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 1, 1985

Application of TARA LINES, INC., )  
for Special Authorization to )  
Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant )  
to Contract with Military District )  
of Washington )

Case No. CP-85-12

By application filed September 27, 1985, Tara Lines, Inc. ("Tara" or "applicant"), seeks authority pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to transport active duty military personnel, Department of Defense civilian personnel, and persons on official business with the Department of Defense having valid passes, in charter operations pursuant to contract with the Department of the Army, Military District of Washington ("MDW"). Applicant would transport these passengers between the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and the Washington Navy Yard at 10th & N Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C., serving the following intermediate stops: 4th & M Streets, S.W.; Fort McNair main gate on P Street, S.W.; 2nd & V Streets, S.W.; 1900 Half Street, S.W.; Building 159 on Tingley Street, S.E.; and Building 143 on Patterson Avenue, S.E.

By its terms the contract extends from October 1, 1985, to September 30, 1986. However, the contract was not excuted until September 20, 1985, which did not provide adequate time for processing this application. Accordingly, MDW has extended the previous contract until October 30, 1985, to provide the necessary time. The contract also provides an option for an additional 12 months of service.

The service would be provided in buses, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, and would consist of eight scheduled eastbound trips and eight scheduled westbound trips each day. Applicant is experienced in providing such shuttle operations. Tara states that it is familiar with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations, that it will comply with them, and that it has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation.

Applicant has submitted an income statement for 1984 and a balance sheet for December 31, 1984. For this contract, applicant projects operating revenue of \$114,710, operating expenses of \$103,891, and net operating profit before taxes of \$10,819.

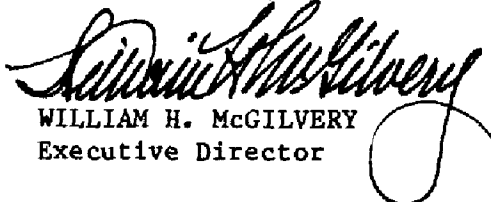
Applicant would use its existing fleet to provide the service. These vehicles are already identified and an appropriate certificate of insurance is on file. Tara's insurance, however, expires October 31, 1985; Tara will be required to file a new certificate of insurance as a condition to approval of this application. The contracting officer for MDW has submitted a notarized statement in support of the application stating, among other things, that representatives of MDW have inspected Tara's buses and maintenance facilities, and MDW is satisfied that Tara has the capability to perform the required services.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with their employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. \*/ Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Tara Lines, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Thursday, October 3, 1985.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Tuesday, October 15, 1985.
3. That Tara Lines, Inc., shall file an appropriate certificate of insurance no later than Tuesday, October 15, 1985.
4. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Tuesday, October 15, 1985, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, R. Sage, Esq., Suite 304 Overlook Bldg., 6121 Lincolnia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

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\*/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.